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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF CONFIGURATION A WIRELESS-CONTROLLED LIGHTING SYSTEM

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Attorney for applicant takes issue with a statement made by the examiner in the reasons for allowance of the above identified application.

Specifically, on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance dated 26 June 2008, in paragraph no. 2, the examiner states that the “control element” recited in the claims “is taken to be a button of the remote control...”. This is unnecessarily restrictive and no such limitation is specified in the application. Note, for example, that on page 7 of the specification, in the first paragraph, not only push buttons but also other examples of control elements such as a touch screen and even voice are mentioned. Thus there is a wide range of control elements for receiving inputs from a user that are envisioned by applicant. Also see, for example, page 7 lines 18-21, which states: “The control elements can take any form which is available on the remote, such as a button (or sequence of buttons, e.g. 13), a symbol or location on a touch screen, a number or other sound produced by the user and interpreted by voice-recognition software in the user interface, etc.”.

Thus, contrary to what is stated by the examiner, the recited “control element” should be much more broadly construed than as merely being a button.

Respectfully submitted,

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